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THIS MEETING

Date: **Thursday - July 30, 1998**
 Time: **7:30 PM**
 Program: **Gary Bargholz - N9UUR, on AMSAT.**
He will go into the various modes that are popular today

Place: **Redemption Lutheran Church**
 Fellowship Hall
 4057 N. Mayfair Rd. (Use the south entrance)

Handicapped accessible.

Please! DON'T call the Church for information!!!

Material (Articles or pictures) for next Chatter
Due: August 1st

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

It appears I am your new president. First I would like to deeply thank Ed Wille for his 8 years running the club. He could not completely escape as he is now a director. We are also going to need his PA system and his contact at the church for our meetings. Thanks Ed, but you can't get away.

I would also like to thank Fred Linn (W9NZF), Roger Zaun (W9UVV), and Don Virlee (KG9II) who retired as directors and to Kate Kedney - KA9MWT who retired as 2nd Vice President. Welcome to those taking over those jobs, Dick McNew - WB9PTC, Jerry Melotik - KC9EV, and Ed - W9PWG as directors and Brian White - KB9LCQ as 2nd vice-president.

Over the years I have developed a lot of opinions on things as well as collected a lot of stories about different events. Pancho wants the president to write something for each issue of the Chatter. Consider this a warning that you will read some of my opinions and stories. I will be attempting to stir things up during my time as president. If I

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MILWAUKEE AREA NETS

DAY	TIME	MHZ	ACTIVITY
Daily	6-8 AM	14.290	Wisconsin/Florida Net (SSB)
Daily	6:30 PM	3.645	Wis. Slow Speed CW Traffic Net
MON-FRI	8:30 AM	3.965	After Breakfast Club (SSB)
MON	8:00 PM	146.445	Emergency Net
MON	9:00 PM	146.670	ARES Net (Milwaukee-Waukesha)
MON	9:00 PM	50.160	6 Mtr. General Net
TUE	7:00 PM	442.200	General Racine N9OEZ repeater
TUE	8:00 PM	144.22	Badger Contesters (SSB)
TUE	8:00 PM	7.035	A..F.A.R. Net (CW)
WED	8:00 PM	28.365	10-10 International (Milwaukee Ch.) (SSB)
THU	9:00 PM	50.160	6 Mtr. General Interest Net
THU	9:00 PM	146.910	Computer Net
FRI	8:45 PM	28.490	W9RH 10 meter MRAC Station Net (SSB)
FRI	9:15 PM	147.045	W9RH 2 mtr. net following the 10 mtr. net
SAT	9:00 PM	146.910	Saturday Nite Fun net
SUN	8:30 AM	3.985	QCWA (Chptr. 55) (SSB)
SUN	10:00 AM	443.800	FM-38 Link to 146.88 Baraboo SWAP Net
SUN	8:00 PM	28.365	10-10 International (Milwaukee Ch.) (SSB)
SUN	8:00 PM	146.910	Information Net
SUN	9:00 PM	146.910	Swap Net

The 2 meter frequencies are -600 khz offset FM repeaters. FM38 is +5 Mhz offset, tone 114.8. The 10 meter frequencies are upper sideband (USB). If there are additions, changes, or corrections to this list, please contact: Pancho KA9OFA at 344-4694 or call 466-HAMS.

HAM Related Telephone BBS's

(Computer Bulletin Board Services)

Digital Ham Shack AES 358-3472
 node 1 251-1106
 node 2 251-0201

Editor's Notes

We have plans under way for our Annual Christmas Party.

VE testing has been suspended for the rest of the summer.

We had a good time at at Field Day this year. Hope YOU can make it next year.

I hope that you'll make the rest of your summer a good, fun filled, and safe one. 73's,

Pancho



MRAC VEC

FCC HAM RADIO EXAMS

Second Sat.
of each Month

10 pm
 10000 Bank
 10000 St.
 10000

There will be No Further Ve Testing
 until August 29th, when testing
 will resume at AES.

You will not be permitted
 without the following:

- 1) Your original license (or photocopy of it).
- 2) Any CSCE's you may have (each).
- 3) Two forms of identification (one license and social security card).
- 4) **\$6.35** (exam fee).

Walk-ins welcome, but pre-registration is encouraged if possible. To register in advance, send a post card on which you have printed the grade of license for which you are applying, your name, address and telephone number to:

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
 P.O. Box 25707
 Milwaukee, WI 53225
 For more information call:
 466-HAMS

If you have questions about a new license or upgrade, you may call the FCC at:

1-888-225-5322

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step on some toes, I'm sorry; I am only trying to push the Club and maybe even advance Amateur Radio. And above all, remember this is a club (OUR Club). While we have some money, this is not big business.

This is a hobby for us. I am proud to be president of the club and honored that some people think enough of me and my abilities to be president. But being President does not make myself better than any other member. I would like the club to be involved in projects for the good of Amateur Radio and not spend time dealing with politics or personalities. Having to deal with that stuff at work is bad enough, at least they pay me for that. We have not had any problems for years, and I do not want to see any start. Now on to ham business.

This is not my first time here, I was President from 1983-1985. That was when we had elections for officers every year. Now we do officers every 2 years partly due to the difficulty in getting people to run for office. For this last election, with enough prodding, we actually had an election for director and someone actually volunteered to run for 2nd Vice President. At the election we got 2 people who are first time officers / directors. Two out of eleven. Do you see a trend here? There is a lot of inbreeding of people running the club. It is good to have some continuity, but it is very important to have new ideas and viewpoints. Any volunteers?

During my time as president I am going to need a lot of help. While Ed was president he was able to get involved in a lot of things that I can not, due to our different situations. I want to see a number of committees to handle these projects. Some of

these things are already being handled officially, but some are handled sort of on the fly by whoever is handy. Some areas which always need help are 'Chatter production, 'Chatter mailings (and club mailing list), meeting refreshments, repeater, Friday night nets. We are urgently in need of someone (preferably 3 or 4 people to pass the load around) to handle meeting refreshments. Feel free to call or Email any member of the board if you wish to volunteer or even if you have any ideas for any other activities. We could also use someone to step in as Treasurer as Ken would like to relinquish the post. Don't think you can't volunteer for some function if you do not have any experience. We have enough talent available that just about anybody can be trained (even me). After all, you did study for and pass your license test, right?

We have recently received our new repeater hardware. The fancy controller is not yet installed and the machine is still at Ed's house, but there should be some performance improvement. Be sure to give it a try. Also anyone with any connections to a potential repeater site, be sure to speak up. See you next month.

Dave DeFebo - WB9BWP
President



Amateur Radio

Amateur radio is the means of communication with others on equal terms, of finding friendship, adventure and prestige while seated at one's own fire-side. In picking his human contacts out of the air the amateur is not seen by them. He is not known by the clothes he wears but by the signals he emits. He enters a new world whose qualifications for success are within his reach. There are no century-old class prejudices to impede his progress. He enters a thoroughly democratic world where rises or falls by his own efforts. When he is W9XYZ, a beginner, the radio elders help him willingly, and when he becomes W9XYZ, the record-breaker and efficient traffic-handler, he willingly helps the younger generation. Without a pedigree, a chauffeur, or an old master decorating his living room he can become a prince — of the air. At the close of the day, filled with the monotonous routine of the machine age, he can find adventure, vicarious travel, prestige and friendship by throwing in the switch and pounding his signals into the air.

Dr. Raymond V. Bowers,
Yale University

MRAC Board Meeting - 6/22/98

Directors Meeting 6/22/98

Held at the picnic tables of AES due to AES forgetting that we were coming and not leaving the door open for us to get in.

(The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm.

Treasurers report — Clubs liquid assets \$4180.99. Total — \$10,180. The drop in total assets is due to the purchase of the club's new repeater. AES overcharged us and refunded \$275.00.

Ed — Alioto's has been paid \$100.00 for a down payment on our Christmas Party.

The VE's will not be testing until the end of August.

This month's 'Chatter' is sure a beauty with all the pictures. Special thanks

to Pancho for all his efforts.

Note: Both the newly elected and past directors have been invited to this meeting.

Ed ordered a new dipole for Field Day, so the club has a good antenna for 40 and 80 meters. This dipole can also be used on 10, 15 and 20. It is a B & W AT-110. The board OKed \$95.00 for the purchase.

For Field Day, we will only rent the John this year. A wash area has been built by the Pioneer Village Group.

Ed — Ted Stiller has a lot of pictures of Field Day's past and perhaps we should ask him for some to put in the Club's history files.

Field Day — The Board discussed

the food menu and the equipment list. All is in order. Matt has volunteered to pick up the food. Ed will call Jerry to be sure that we have a meeting about Field Day at the club meeting to be extra sure everything is ready. Ed asked that we be sure to have an attendance sheet at Field Day.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00.

One last suggestion was made that the old repeater be brought to Radio Recyclers and sold.

The goodies for the meeting were provided by Kate — KA9MWT. Respectfully submitted,

Jim WB9LNU

Jim — WB9LNU
Secretary

Field Day 1998

Another Field Day has come and gone. Our totals this year are a little higher than the two previous years, thanks to Mark — NX1K who ran a QRP 1 watt solar charged CW station on 40 meters and Jackie Bye — KB9LDW who ran our 2 meter simplex station. Other operators on CW were John — WB9PSE, Fred — W9NZF and Dick — WB9PTC. A total of 38 members are on the sign-

up sheet. Some of the SSB operators were, Mark — KB9LDX, Byron — N9RTL, Jim — KG9EQ, Jim — WB9LNU and others who took a short turn at the mic.

Special thanks goes to Jerry — KC9EV for taking the responsibility of being Chairman of this year's event and Matt — KB9PRC for taking care of the food. All the members pitched in with the antenna raising. John

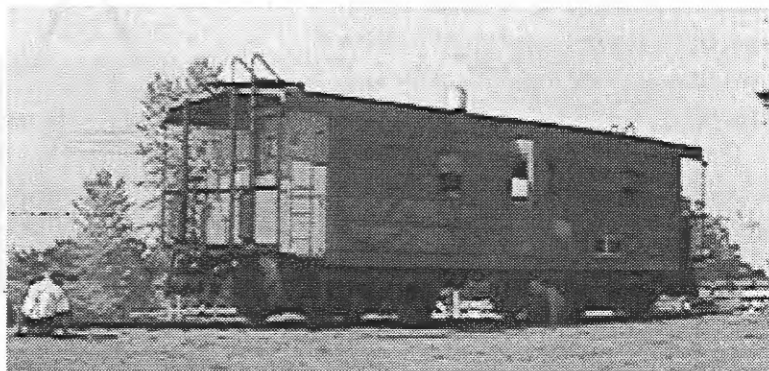
Merkel — WB9PSE climbed the trees and building to put up the dipoles. Leroy — KB9JBD and Dick — KA9MTY assembled the beam and the rotor on the ladder. Everyone was offering a hand, it was great!

The exact scores will be in next month's 'Chatter'.

Jim — WB9LNU



Cooperative effort to ground our ladder antenna tower.



*"Our" Caboose at Pioneer Village.
Field Day site.*

Club Meeting 6/25/98

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Ed for the last time as President.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted as written.

The Treasurers report:

Total club assets \$10,180.99. The repeater has been paid for in full.

Ed -- The new repeater is on. We are getting a lot of interference from the repeater in Michigan. We plan to install the club's old controller on the new repeater so Romeo will be back. The old repeater will be taken to Radio Recyclers or some other place so it can be sold. Everyone should give Pancho a hand for the excellent job he did on this month's 'Chatter with the pictures and all.

The mic was passed for all to I.D.

Ed gave his state of the club message as President for the last time. In brief: he said, "We still have over 160 members and 40 to 50 come every month to the meetings, although 15 to 20 do most of the work." He thanked everyone, who came to mind, for giving their valuable time to make the club a success. For example, the members of the Board, Pancho with the 'Chatter and all those who help get it out every month. He says, "Not everyone liked everything we did, but that is Ham Radio. Some like CW,

SSB or 6 meters. The main thing is to stay together as a group, don't get mad and have fun. Roger W9UVV, a departing director, installed the newly elected officers and directors.

Dave WB9BWP, our new President took over the meeting.

Dave -- Field Day -- Dave elaborated about Field Day and what goes on, for the benefit of the new members present at the meeting. He reminded everyone that all members are invited and guests are welcome. He introduced Jerry-KC9EV, our Field Day Chairman for further comments.

Jerry KC9EV complimented the club on the high quality of equipment and organization we have had in the past years for Field Day. He says he can remember when everyone had to bring their own equipment and the station setups were not the greatest. He reminded everyone that we are out there to teach and have fun. Being the highest scoring club is not our objective. Jerry and Matt (Planning - KB9PRC) will bring the food and supplies. Jim WB9LNU will bring most of the club equipment. The arrival time should be about 8:30.

Dave -- AES will have an Icom digi-

tal seminar.

Dave -- Remember the MRAC truck?

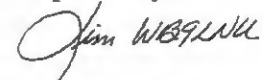
The local ARES has purchased one similar and needs donations to buy radio's for it. Dave passed a box around to collect any contributions.

Bernie Shuster - KB4QXV donated a trunk full of radio parts and cables to the Club because he is moving permanently to Florida. Dave will sell the stuff at a swap fest to make extra money for the club. Dave is looking for a Treasurer to replace Ken - W9MOT and a director to replace Matt - KB9PRC who was elected to 1st Vice President. He also thanked the past board members for their services. Roger - W9UVV, asked if we have heard any more about Wauwatosa Bank and the possibility of getting our old room back. No-one had any word as yet.

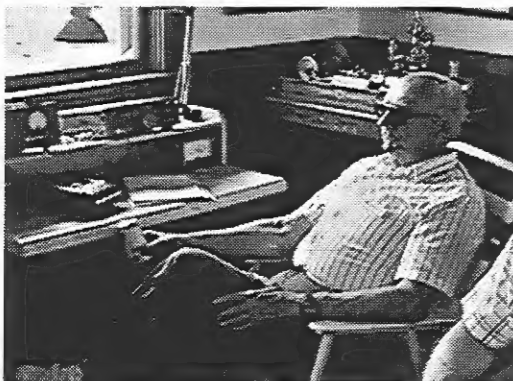
Pancho -- To any first timer at Field Day, it would be interesting if you write about your experience for the 'Chatter.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim - WB9LNU,
Secretary



*Our retired President, "Just relaxing"
at Field Day*



*One of the favorite times of Field Day
"Chow time."*

National Convention of VEC's 1998

This was the fourth time I have been to Gettysburg. This trip was the best of the four.

Sue and I flew to Washington, D.C.—in style. The Detroit airport was closed due to flooding so they pushed us from Northwest Airlines to Midwest Express. We had a fabulous champagne breakfast and in less than two hours we arrived in Washington. During the flight we chatted with Mrs. Pettit who was traveling with her children to D.C.

We rented a car and drove to Gettysburg. Hertz gave us a roomy Mercury Sable in Sue's favorite color hot-rod red. Dinner was a delicious smorgasbord at the Holiday Inn Battlefield in the center of town. The location was perfect because we could walk to most of the Gettysburg sights and shops. The only thing that was disappointing about the first day was that the weather was overcast, in the 60's and rainy. It didn't give us much of an opportunity to see Washington, D.C. from the air. It did clear up however and for the rest of the trip it was in the low to middle 80's.

The convention gavel sounded at 1:00 p.m. Thursday. Only eight VEC's and a guest were present on this first day. There was much tension, however. The staff from the FCC was going to be with us Friday. They requested a phone line and modem connection! Were we going to see some important changes occur? Code speed, drop the novice class? W5YI reported on the decline in testing this past year. We discussed what we could do to improve our testing and bring new hams on the air. Thursday's meeting closed at 5:00 p.m. and everyone left hoping that Friday would go smoothly.

The Friday meeting began at 9:00

a.m. The FCC had nine members at our table. Speculation was still in the air as were told of a new leader who would arrive shortly.

At 10:00 a.m. she arrived. The modem line wasn't used and she reported that she hasn't yet taken the test to become one of us. We all joked that we could give her the test right there since we had the papers with us! At this point the main thing the FCC is interested in, is to get the universal license form in motion. They would like to scale down the number of forms from forty-five to ten. This would greatly speed up all license applications. Hams will soon get a chance to start this out. Everyone was happy that all of our Thursday worrying was a waste of time. The meeting went smoothly and everyone felt relieved. Our reputation is highly thought of at the FCC. We have definitely proven our worth. To thank us for all of our work we ended the meeting with a beautiful lunch.

I enjoyed sitting with the guys and chatting about ham radio.

The meeting adjourned with dates set for next year. It will again be at the Holiday Inn since the Gettysburg Sports Complex Convention Center is already booked. The FCC and the Holiday Inn did a great job at meeting all of our needs. We will be sending our thanks to both for a wonderful, relaxing meeting.

Susan and I took Saturday and Sunday to sightsee around Washington. Our only problem was blowing a tire while traveling 65 mph on Highway 270. It is a five lane highway that has exits on both sides of the road. Tourists use the center lane because you have very little warning

that your exit is coming up. Getting over several lanes on a driver side rear rim was indeed a challenge. Sue's knees buckled as she got out of the car! Luckily a wonderful civilian saw what happened and stopped to help us. He helped me transfer our luggage to the back seat of the car, called Hertz on his cell phone and changed our tire! He told us that he is a Boy Scout and this was his good deed for the day! We several times tried to pay him, but he refused.

We got a new car at Dulles Airport. We thought it was the closest place. We should have looked more closely at the map! It wasn't until we got to our hotel Saturday evening that we realized that the car looks exactly like a Mercury Sable but it was a Ford Taurus! Luckily, we felt more assured that this car's tires wouldn't blow. The car only had only 4,000 miles on it.

My nephew Roland lives in Maryland and works in Washington. His wife prepared us a delicious meal Sunday and then Roland played tour guide around the city. He took us to Washington National for our flight home. Roland took the subway back to Maryland.

The flight out of Washington went well but our flight from Detroit was delayed by more than four hours. All of the snack bars were closed. We couldn't even buy a magazine. Around 3:00 a.m. Monday morning we arrived home. (Next year were flying Midwest round trip!)

Overall it was quite a trip. I have a video and about fifty pictures to show at our next meeting.

73,



Ed - W9PWG / VEC

HAM CLUB ACTIVITIES

CQ Third Tuesday
11:00 am
Old Country Buffet
164th and Bluemound

Y'all come(!) to the **MRAC HAM BREAKFAST** every Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. at **Maxim's Restaurant** 18025 W. Capitol Dr. (a bit west of Calhoun). Prices are reasonable, the food good, and the company excellent.

First Friday Fish Fry
Serb Hall at 51st and Oklahoma Ave. Call: Warren - K9IZV on the 146.91 - offset for reservations by Noon on that FRI.

W9RH-10 & 2 METER NETS
W9RH Ten Meter Net 8:45 PM at 28.490 MHz. SSB Friday evenings at 9:15 2 meter FM repeater at 147.045 + offset. We'd like to meet you there.

CLUB MEETINGS

Menomonee Falls Amateur Club
Last Wed of the month
Doors open @ 7:00 p.m. Mtg @ 7:30 p.m.
Bank One Bldg. @
Pilgrim Rd. and Mequon Rd.
Germantown, WI

CLUB MEETINGS continued

Milwaukee Radio Amateur's Club
Last Thursday of the month 7:30 p.m.
Redemption Lutheran Church
4057 N. Mayfair Rd.
Milwaukee, WI

Miller Valley Radio Amateur Club
Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.
at 703 N. 39th St.,
just north of (and almost under)
the Wis. Ave. viaduct.
For info contact: Art - WA9AWJ
(found daily on the 146.91 repeater).

Ozaukee Radio Club
Second Wed. of each month
7:30 p.m.
Grafton Multipurpose Senior Center
Grafton, WI

South Milwaukee Amateur Radio Club
First Wednesday of each month
American Legion Post 434
9327 S. Sheppard Ave
Oak Creek, WI
Auction at March & October mtgs.

West Allis Radio Amateur Club
Meets the second Tuesday of each month
at 8:00 p.m.
At St. Peter's Episcopal Church
7929 W. Lincoln Ave.
West Allis, WI

NEWS CONTRIBUTIONS

Articles and information for the newsletter should be received by the editor no later than the first of the month of publication. If received after the first of the month, its inclusion in that month's edition cannot be guaranteed. Your cooperation is appreciated. Please mail submissions to:

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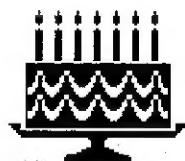


Our People

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday!

	Birthdate
Bette Schlesinger ----- KB9JML	08-09
David J. Vigue -----	08-09
Fred E. Wilde ----- N9BWT	08-10
John D. Merkl ----- WB9PSE	08-10
Edward F. Wille ----- W9PWG	08-10
Brian K. Eckelman ----- KB9JOR	08-11
Robert L. Willet ----- K9UML	08-19



	Birthdate
David B. DeFebo ----- WB9BWP	08-22
Verne Teske ----- W9RYA	08-22
Erwin G. Reiser ----- K9CUI	08-27
Joseph G. Rayome ----- KE9LL	08-28
Fr William J. Kidd, S.J. ----- NE9W	08-29
Fred A. Linn ----- W9NZF	08-31
James A. Schmidt ----- KB9IIH	08-31

Note!

Due to complaints of inaccuracies of data, and a lack of cooperation, this will be the last Birthday column until someone can be found to check out data and proofread the column.

Use our
W9RH Repeater
147.045 MHz + offset

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Upcoming Events.

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RACINE AMATEUR RADIO AND COMPUTER SHOW

SUN - JULY 26, '98

Hills Country Club
Racine, WI

HAMFESTER'S HAMFEST

SUN.-AUG. 2, 1998

Will city. Fairgrounds
Peotone, IL

T/I on 146.52 simp.
146.64(-107.2)
146.94 -

CIRCUS CITY SWAPFEST *

SAT - AUG 8, 1998

Sauk County Fairgrounds
Baraboo, WI

T/I on 146.880 repeater or
146.520 MHz simp.

Send Fliers or info to:
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Milwaukee, WI 53208
or Phone: (414) 344-4694 or
pancho@thepark.net

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF BOZOS 2ND HAMRADIO AND COMPUTER FEST

SAT. - AUG. 8, 1998

Tommy's Village Lanes
Hilbert, WI
T/I on 147.30+

HAYWARD'S 4TH ANNUAL * AMATEUR RADIO & COMPUTER SHOW

SAT. - SEPT. 5, 1998

Hayward National Guard Armory
Hayward, WI
T/I on 147.255 pl

HAMFEST '98 *

SUN. - SEPT. 13, 1998

Inwood Recreation Center
Joliet IL

T/I 147.33+rpitr.
224.54 -rpitr..or
146.82- repeater

PEORIA SUPERFEST'98 * SAT. & SUN.-SEPT. 19 & 20

Exposition Gardens
Peoria, IL

T/I on 147.075+ repeater

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Board mtg. July 27

Next Meeting
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